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2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 8-313261 (1996).

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4. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 2003-065791 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2 and 6 of the specification of the present patent application.

5. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 2003-042766 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2 and 5 of the specification of the present patent application.

6. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 10-132568 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 5 of the specification of the present patent application.

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10. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 2003-035010 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3, 5 and 6 of the specification of the present patent application.

11. WO 2004/003476 - The relevance of this document as discussed at pages 18 and 20 of the specification of the present patent application. This document also corresponds to U.S. 2005/0256673.

12. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 3-048713.

13. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 64-046610.

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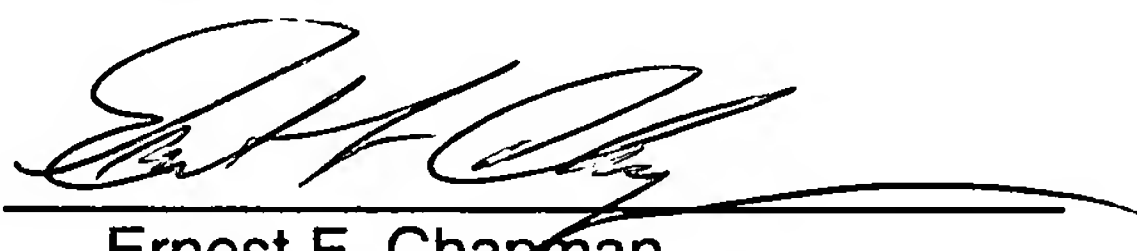
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